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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We need a competitive REGULATED telecom market - do not cut off competitive phone and internet provider access to my home!

Prior to, and for the first few years of, the 1996 Telecommunications Act, I had no choice in internet or phone vendors to my home. And I live in one of the most internet dependent cities in our country!

As the telecom act provisions where slowly enacted, a true competitive market was introduced and now I do have meaningful choices - although they still are substandard in many ways and there are still many services that are overpriced or unavailable directly due to specific large players have privileged positions in the market.

From the 1990's forward I have worked for telecom providers, and I know from first hand experience that the current ability to choose a provider is SOLELY because of the provisions in the 1996 act.

The basic market structure has not changed - so if you allow internet providers to sign exclusion deals, or to charge "content fees" (ie, charging providers twice for bandwidth they've already paid for once, under threat of throttling their content), or to not require competitive access to either the backbone, or the last mile, then you are effectively putting us back into the monopoly market of the 1980s - when the US should have been leading the world but instead was falling behind due to a non-competitive telecom market

And the immediate impact will be to immediately cut off my provider - who is not the same as the monopoly "owner" of the local phone lines.

I know better than to accept the argument that cutting off competitive access to the monopoly lines "will not affect the consumer", since its the only reason that there is any choice at all. I need competitive DSL, as the service provided by the monopoly owner is too expensive and bad quality. Don't Take my telecom service away!

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